

AGAR ADVISORY

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**Implementation Guidance for the American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act (“Recovery Act”) of 2009**

INTRODUCTION: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is implementing guidance in support of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“Recovery Act”) of 2009. Recent preliminary Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance indicates every dollar spent under the Recovery Act must be done with unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability.

The purpose of this Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Advisory is to implement supplemental guidance as required. This AGAR Advisory will be updated as new requirements are determined.

ACTION: Use of the following are **prohibited** when using Recovery Act funds: purchase cards, fleet cards and alternative payment methods, including convenience checks, pre-paid cards, declining balance cards and cardless accounts. Any contract action obligating Recovery Act funds shall comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and use the Integrated Acquisition System (IAS) with appropriate Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) reporting.

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